OFFICERS QUIT

Ultimatum of Ukrainian Rada

Meets With Tart Reply-

Coal Supply Cut Off.

Special Cable Despatch to Tax Sex from the

London Times. Copyright, 1917, all rights reserved PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.—Added

anarchy, threatened civil war, imminent famine and the danger of a class

of the guillotine days in France insig

fort to conclude peace she no longer is

in the hands of the military section of

that body and that Admiral Razvosoff has been recalled, his flag hauled down and the flag of the Centrebalt hoisted.

Pleet Officers Resign

In consequence of these proceedings a meeting of 800 officers of the fleet

liberty won by the revolution has

Certain Troops Disarmed.

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Pershings Men's Xmas

CHEER UP! writes the soldiers

tender this Christmas day. They

mean to keep the holiday cheer-

fully and beg Father and Mother

Letters from abroad acknowl-

dging advance Christmas gifts dovetail like the figures in mar-

quetry with letters that accom-

pany checks sent in to buy more gifts for the soldiers, and espe-

cially the weed that solaces and

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strengthens.

for whom Parental hearts are

SUN Tobacco Cheers

able to wage war.

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1917.—Copyright, 1917, by the Sun Printing and Publishing Association,

HYLAN TO NAME **HULBERT AS HIS NEW DOCK HEAD**

Only Appointment Definitely Fixed Except Possibly Flynn's.

FETHERSTON TO STAY

Probably Only Mitchel Commissioner Who Will Be Retained.

GAMBLERS IN

Fight Secret Service Chief for Police Post-Berry for Health Office.

More than the usual number of chair Farmers ornamented Mayor-elect Hylan's office yesterday, coming early and stayng late. They were hoping he would change his mind to the extent of makeing a few Christmas eve patronage ancouncements. But the Judge was ex-

There were visits from suffragists. Big Bill Devery, L. J. O'Reilly, Hearst's con-Monatal secretary, and others with demanda upon his time, and when he that extended around the wall of the reention room and through the outer ofas well he made use of it to say have no announcements to make ing is definitely decided upon, not

they say, "Why he's the graft-

ny man that smashed us all to pieces ben he was deputy in 1999 and 1910." When he was Second Deputy Commisprick the gambling bubble, which had Frown to such proportions that Mayor Gaynor himself had Flynn detached from the parter service to serve the city. Flynn made about fifty-five raids. Figure made shout fifty-five raids.

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Flynn's resignation at the end of six on his of this has never been specifi-ly explained. He said at the time theither Mayor Gaynor nor any politiman had ever interfered with him, yet his closest friends believed that condi-

Hylan For of Gamblers.

ludge Hylan is credited with entertaining strong ideas as to the suppresfacts were as represented regarding ce encohlers' antipathy to Flynn it cer. Charles W. Berry of Brooklyn the best chance of being appointed Commissioner it was said yes-Years ago Berry was active in He was a McCarren man and as an expert on sanitation and the precity Health Commissionership on Dr. Herman Blags, State Commis-

William F. Dovle of Brooklyn, who was in the same section. of veterinarian of the Fire Depart-int with the rank of deputy chief. in T. Fetherston is likely to be rethe of any prominence that may be sarities Commissioner was revived vesternay by persons who usually know nitely decided upon, that John H. Mc-Cocey of Brooklyn favored the appoint-ment and that there were "strong polit-cal reasons why it should be made." or has been Comptroller of the City Borough President of Brooklyn and a Liemocratic nominee for Governor.

J. H. Delaney May Get Post. Equal credence was given to asser-

Long that John H. Delaney, who was Commissioner of Efficiency and Econ-omy under Gov. Sulzer, would be Com-missioner of the Department of Plant and Structure, which is the old Bridge Department. Delaney is a friend of

Charles F. Murphy.
As to Corporation Counsel, the contenders seem to have narrowed down to
William P. Burr and William Harman Black, former chairman of the Demothe county committee and now an sistant District Attorney. In the massion of these names it was said that Judge Hylan was having a good-deal of fromble because the majority of randdiales for office recommended to On account of existing conditions appen to be Catholics.

of favoring to avoid the appear-of favoring the men of any one though it does not appear that

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Ambassador Praises "Sun" Tobacco Fund

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Dec. 24.—Ambassador William G. Sharp made the following statement to-day in regard to THE SUN'S Tobacco

"To the multitude of our splendid soldier boys in this for-eign land the remembrances from home in the shape of packages bringing comfort and solace in the form of tobacco sent them by THE SUN Tobacco Fund will. am certain, be a most welcome reminder that though they are far away, spending their first Christmas in France, they have not been forgotten by friends at

"The tobacco will contribute toward making the day a happy one for them. Every American over here appreciates the enterprise and energy of THE SUN in inaugurating such a splendid undertaking for the benefit of our soldiers."

GRAFT EXACTED

Representatives of Quarter- the transportation system. master Corps Alleged to Have, Made Demands.

WOMAN THE GO-BETWEEN

ally found a moment for the bread line Hint of Similar Conditions in Garment Trade-Facts Are Given to Wadsworth.

Hulbert to Be Dock Commissioner. Trade Publishing Company of 122 East talk at headquarters was that Twenty-fifth etreet, charged last night big job actually offered and acit was the Dock Commissioner- fer Corps, United States Army, were exwhich will be filled by Representae acting graft for the performance of serv-Murray Hulbert, William J. Flynd. ice for the army before contracts could be placed, and notified United States Senting of the Police Deffartment. The

A responsible official said yesterday he law of several men who had run gambling houses in the past, and gambling on the chance that Tammany would ordain a wide open town had taken leases erment, and his witness testified that on expensive establishments uptown which they expected to open soon after January 1. The news that Flynn inglot head the department has struck these seed the department has struck these was given him. A woman was used as Senator Kellogg into consultation was genture all in a heap. The Sun's inform. Was given him. A woman was used as Senator Kellogg into consultation was gentured as an indication that Mr. Wilthe go-between for the collection of the accepted as an indication that Mr. Wil-son is proceeding with the greatest cau-

But getting far beyond the shoe re-pairing end of the charge, Mr. Price de-clared that hundreds of garnest work-

"John Isoorman" or "John Wheelman" the New York garment workers get con-that had appeared on warrants up to tracts for war orders there will be noth-that time. Flynn also took the name ing doing. I make this assertion bed address of each player found on the cause I have made an investigation that has uncovered a graft that is so that

Shoemaker Tells Story.

Mr. Price lives at 535 West 125th treet. Around the corner at 3340 Broadway Peter Sebaid has a shoemaking allow for him to continue his work on and the proprietor made this statement the lines he had laid down.

"On September 30 a sergeant came in "On September 30 a sergeant came in y place and said that he had come my place and said that he had come from Camp Mills. He said that he was going around making contracts for the repair of several hundreds of pairs of

shoes for the Hempstead camp. "'What would you be willing to make the repairs for?" he asked me. "I usually got \$1.50 for repairing shoes, and I told him that if I was to

get several hundreds of pairs I would be willing to do it for \$1.

"'You don't want to charge \$1,' he said.

You want to charge \$1.25. There will be a woman in here to see you in a few days and whatever she says you do." days and whatever she says you do."
"On December 5 I got 700 pairs of shoes from the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Mills. The bill of lading was signed 'C. H. 'Smith.' The packages are were nine bundles of them-were Others went to the Hudson-Fulton Re-pairing Company at 136th street and Broadway, and to three other concerns

On the same day a woman came into my place. She said, 'Mr. Sebald, I want to see you about the shoes for the Gov-

ernment."
"'All right," I said. "She drew out a paper for me to sign.
"'What is that? I asked her.

Asked 25 Cents a Pair.

"'It is simply an agreement I am making,' she said. 'It calls for 25 cents pair on the shoes that you are repair-

"To the War Department, she said.
"How can that be worked?" I asked.
"When you get your check, she said.
'you give me \$175.
"I was anxious to do the work and

was anxious to do the work and to keep my machines busy and I said that it would be all right."

7,000 CANADIANS DECORATED.

Soldiers Win War Honors; 19 Gain Victoria Cross.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.-London despatches to the Reuter agency here to-day said seven thousand decorations had been conferred during the war on members of valor in the field and for outstanding war service. Seven officers and twelve men have

WILSON TO BIND LABOR TO RAIL CONTROL PLAN

Will Meet Brotherhood Chiefs Thursday to Get Their Formal Consent.

NO STRIKE DURING WAR

Arbitration Board Will Adjust Wages at Frequent Intervals.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Wilson is to lay his plans for Government control of the railroad brotherhoods and their four legislative agents at a conference to be held at the White House Thursday afternoon. This conference is understood to have been brought about Thursday afternoon. This conference is fields are preparing to leave by thou understood to have been brought about the president to place by the desire of the President to place Slavs, the Russian nationals and other the brotherboods on record as to their bemians and other nationals of the Dual willingness to account Poles, the Russian nationals of the Dual willingness to account Poles are the president of the president to place the probability of the president willingness to accept Federal control of Monarchy.

making step the Government is to take. If booked for months after peace is declared.

President is to devote practically his entire time during the next few days to the railroad problem and that the railroad message will be delivered to Congress the day after it reconvenes. A visit, which Coi. E. M. House is about to make to the White House, is understood to be connected with the railroad question, Coi. House having given much study to railroad problems in the past. He also got much information on the British plan of operating the railroads on his recent trip abroad.

Seek Land and Opportunities.

The Lithuanians and Poles from the moting are making great preparations for a return home. Turks too are preparing to railro and political adjustments expected after the war, but most of all they believe that the reconstruction and political adjustments expected after the war, but most of all they believe that the past preparations for a return home. Turks too are preparing to railro and political adjustments expected after the war, but most of all they believe that the tax burdens in their railroad are in America. They likewise believe that the railroad function are in America. They likewise believe that the railroad for months.

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Senator Kellogg Consulted.

for head of the Police Deffartment. The be placed and notified United States Sentor Frank D. Receive objection to him thus far heard scenes from a quarter that is not likely to impress Judge Hylan. The gamblers don't like Flynn.

A responsible official said yesterday he found.

tion in handling what is admittedly the clared that hundreds of garment working concerns in New York were idle and unable to get war orders, and he wanted investigation made into the situation with a view to ascertaining if there is some hidden card that must be played in connection with the garment making pressed hostility to the idea of the Government assuming control of the railernment assuming control of the rail-

seen none of the brotherhood chiefs on the subject of Government control. An initiation of their attitude was given when A. B. Garretson, president of the graph of the first attitude was given when A. B. Garretson, president of the graph of the first attitude was given when A. B. Garretson, president of the first attitude was given when A. B. Garretson, president of the first who of the first who are necessary to the defence of the whole country were wounded seriously.

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met and exchanged views and these will now be presented to the President.

The President is desirous of solving the railroad labor problem at the same time that he settles the question of railroad operation. The conductors and trainmen have presented demands for what approximately represents a 40 per what approximately represents a 40 per and cargo is gone over.

and firemen are about to follow suit.

At a conference which the brotherhood leaders had with the President two months ago two of them—Stone of the engineers and Garretson of the conductpeculiar relations that will exist between the Government and railroad employees. President Wilson has been advised against any plan that would conscript workers for railroads and wants to set-tle the labor problem in a manner that will be acceptable to both sides.

The appointment of an arbitration board that would investigate the question of railroad wages and the increased cost of living since the war and would be prepared to make adjustments every three months should the cost of living continue to increase; the findings of thi board to be construed by the United States District Court rather than by the railroad managers as heretofore The second feature is intended to meet one of the chief objections on the part of the brotherhoods to arbitration in the

have construed the findings of arbiters to suit their own purposes, and in many instances have robbed them of the fruits PHILADELPHIA TRAINS WITHDRAWN.
On account of existing conditions it has been necessary to withdraw several New Jersey Central Philadelphia trains. Fallow-pared to tell the brotherhood leaders that under any plan of government contact that u trol any wage increases sought on the ground of rise in the cost of living will

past. They have insisted that the roads

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3,000,000 WORKMEN TO EMIGRATE FROM U. S. AT END OF WAR

Figures Based on Government Survey-Labor Crisis Feared-Mining and Steel Industries Hardest Hit -Land Hunger the Principal Factor.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Three million persons among the foreign population of the United States are prepared to emigrate as soon as world peace is declared. While this figure appears enormous, it is based on a careful survey by a Government expert, and the threatened crisis in labor supply that must result is being carefully considered by Administration. Special Desputch to THE SEN.

A Government official here, one of the the transportation system.

Great significance is seen here in the country, has in his office safe tickets for meeting, first because it indicates that a large number of these men. The lists include United States citizens as well as

carefully considered by Administration officers.

a mighty factor in this commerce as she was in the early centuries. The Syrians share in this hope also. Whole com-

worked with them, are talking of a free

Armenians to Remain Here.

Strange to say, he does not believe meeting, first because it indicates that the President's plan is rapidly nearing the President's plan is rapidly nearing depends upon the attitude which labor depends upon the attitude which labor officially is to assume toward the epoch lines, is booked for months after peace.

Strange to say, ne does not been disrupted. To-day's Isrestia, the that the Armenians will go back. Whole that the Armenians wil ling-return passages that have been held

BOLSHEVIK SHIP ITALIAN LINES BRINGS IN ARMS BROKEN BY FOE

Found Hidden in Cargo at Pacific Port.

PROBABLY FOR THE I.W.W. ENEMY

Authorities Believe It Was Intention to Foment Further Disorders in This Country.

ficials found to day packages of ammurition, several hundred rifles and a num- a vigorous scale and with some success

the plan. Mr. Garretson professed to sneak only for limself at that time. Since then the brotherhood heads have met and exchanged views and these will now be presented to the President. The President is desirous of solving.

Losses Nearly Half Those of First Week of December.

follows: Killed or Died of Wounds-Officers. The plan the President is believed to wounded or Missing Officers, \$37; we in mind involves two leading men, 16,160.

considerable decrease in the British casualties is shown in the latest figures. of America his cordial greetings and the casualties for the week ended Deprays that they may take to heart in comber 18 were 17,976, for the week this time of strife and suffering the true ended Decemer 11, 23,356, and for the week ended December 4, 28,822.

TWO OF PERSHING'S MEN DIE.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Gen. Pershing loved ones and give back to the worl to-day advised the War Department of the deaths from natural causes of two members of the American overseas Private Charles D. Fieke, infantry scarlet fever, Attleboro, Mass. Private Bert C. Siders, engineers

Private Bert C. Siders. broncho fineumonia, Avella, Pa THE RIVOLI, Broadway at 12th St. opens to morrow night. Rethapfel will rup it. New York's stateliest Motion Picture Theatre.—44r.

adopted a resolution to the effect that signed until the convocation of the Con-

Ammunition of German Type Austro-German Advance Is Halted Before Objective Is Gained.

> LOSSES HEAVY Counter Attacks by Allies Suc-

cessful Along Piave and Other Sectors.

ber of bags filled with revolvers buried to the invaders. A Rome communique

METAL WORKERS MAY STRIKE.

San Francisco Employers Refect Demands; 10,000 Men Involved. approximately represents a 40 per wage increase and the engineers tremen are about to follow suit.

a conference which the brotherhood re had with the President two the Bolsheviki to aid the defence of its ago two of them—Stone of the two larger trial in Chicago, but no mously to refuse to grant the employers. I. W. W. under trial in Chicago, but no trace of the money thus far has been found.

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In the money thus far has been demands for a 10 per cent wage increase in addition to the 31 per cent. Advance granted recently by the Federal ors—opposed arbitration in any form.

With the Government taking over the railroads this question will assume somewhat of a new phase in view of the cording to members of the executive committees. The men affected are em-ployed in industries other than ship-

ties reported for the period, December 13 to 24 inclusive, number 13,919, as

building.

how cleverly the young Military Welfare League from Camp Upage and Self-sacrifice. ROME, Dec. 24 .- Pope Bendier ha ton handled a big ball in the given to the Associated Press this Christ-mas message for the American people: rotunds of the Ansonia. These soldiers can do anything they set "The Holy Father sends to the ne out to do and do it well. It for their own dependents and the Tobacco Fund for, as the en-listed men say: "We will be in lesson of Christmastide—the lesson of God's unceasing love for mankind, the France ere long, keeping a bright eye open for THE SUN lesson of unfaltering courage and sacri

"More especially he calls upon th Scarlet Fever and Pneumonia Kill to pray with all their hearts to the Babe of Bethlehem that He may protect their After plum pudding, walk out for a breath of air and a cigar; then take good care to put the loved ones and give back to the world coupons and certificates where they will do the most good, in the box marked "THE SUN Tobacco

Goethals to Continue in N. J. Joh

Thenron, N. J. Dec. 24.—Gen. George W. Goethals will continue to serve New Jersey as State Engineer in an advisory WARNING! THE SUN TO-BACCO FUND has no connection capacity, according to a letter Gov. Edge received from him to-day, although the General added he did not know where his with any other fund, organization or publication. It employs new duties as Quartermaster-General of no agents or solicitors. the Army might call him.

RUSSIAN NAVY Eliminate Red Tape— The War Won't Wait" DEMORALIZED; WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—War

W time efficiency is being practised as well as preached by the Government. President Wil-son has sent to all the executive departments copies of a letter re-cently addressed by Secretary Redfield to his bureau chiefs.

Admiral's Flag Withdrawn "Forget how things were done before the war, eliminate red tape," the letter said. "We must From Baltic Fleet and Cenlearn with the Germans that 'the war won't wait.' Delay is the Kaiser's ally."

Secretary Redfield has in-structed all his bureaus to install trebalt Emblem Raised. MAKES PEACE REMOTE

machines for stamping on papers the day and hour of receipt so that delay in action may be traced to personal responsibility. He is refusing to sign documents not so stamped.

NO PEACE MOVE

revolution, which would make the worst nificant by comparison, Russia now has London Believes Kaiser Ready come to the realization that while she to Stake All on Huge Miliis dickering with her enemies in an eftary Gamble.

Following the almost complete demoralization of the army the navy has MASSES SHORT OF FOOD

"Iron Fist" Threat Regarded as Revealing Enemy's Real Intentions.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN peror's Christmas speech to the soldiers it can absolutely rely. Without Him all adopted a resolution to the effect that these measures would result in complete disorganization of the navy. This they held, would render impossible the conclusion of peace on a democratic basis, as the imperialist enemy would be able to dictate terms. The officers decline to be responsible for the new state of things, and in consequence have resigned until the convention of the Cons. to rest rumors that the Kalser would as follows: stituent Assembly, which they say alone represents the will of the nation. The Isvessa also publishes a reply to a less degree in Great Britain. reports were current in Germany and to

a less degree in Great Britain the ultimatum of the Ukrainian Rada which is couched in the tartest language. The original document likewise did not The British interpretation upon the mince words. It pointed to the insin-cerity of the Petrograd Government, which, while proposing to recognize the complete autonomy of the Ukraine, was threat to crush the western allies, hopendeavoring to interfere in its internal ing to gloss over the fearful conditions in Germany and the increasing despair These attempts at interference were less justified, it is pointed out, in view of the unfortunate conditions prevailing in due to the privations of the people, who are making an increasing demand for peace and threatening to revolt before the end of the winter. the territory. Anarchy, political and economic disorder and military violence were suffered there, it is asserted, and

Civilians in Dire Straits.

The Ukraine Government is not disposed to undergo another such experisons. Dec. 24.—The Austro-German of consequently has disarmed the offensive in Italy has been resumed upon a vigorous scale and with some success to the invaders. A Rome communique is asserted, to prevent the introduction of civil war, anarchy and unbridled violences through Italian positions in the broken through Italian positions in the constant of the undergo another such experisons of the level that the duration in the front, wherever I hav spoken to them, who has not frankly admitted that they have if their contrades in the west had of the war is limited, regardless of the military situation. The British of the war is limited, regardless of the military situation. The British of the war is limited, regardless of the military situation. The British of the war is limited, regardless of the military situation. The British of the war is limited, regardless of the military situation. The British of the war is limited, regardless of the military situation. The British of the war is limited, regardless of the military situation. The British of the war is limited, regardless of the military situation. The British of the war is limited, regardless of the military situation in the front, wherever I hav spoken to them, to could not have an complished what they of the war is limited, regardless of the military situation. The British of the war is limited, regardless of the military situation. The British in the stituted authorities in the work has of their countries in the country situation in the front. Wherever I hav spoken to them, therefore, all their countries in the country situation in the duration in the duration in the duration in the front. The Ukraine Government is not dis-

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the Bolsheviki and determined to join hands with Rumania and continue the struggle. The Ukraine is the richest portion of Russia, with a population about equal to that of the United States at the beginning of the American civil war, therefore an important military factor, it utilized effectively, for which there is strong reason to believe the Allies are strong reason to believe the Allies are

strong reason to believe the Allies are taking steps.

The only things plentiful in Germany this Christmas are children's toys Shiploads of these were manufactured before August, 1914, and intended for the British market. Herstofore they have been held back because the manufacturers hoped for peace. New they are being sold throughout Germany to German children. The latter are delighted on receiving miniature battleships named Drake and Nelson and toy trains labelled Scotch Limited and Northern Expelied Scotch Limited and Northern Experies.

TWO BURN TO DEATH

Unidentified Aviators Victims be forever at Fort Worth, Tex.

night. They fell to the earth with the successes and victories of the recent

It is supposed the gasolene tank exploded. The bodies were burned beyond troops still tetained their oil offensive identification. One is supposed to be a spirit—have their effect on the entire Lieutenant and the other a cadet in the Fatherland and on the enemy. Lieutenant and the other a cadet in the Royal Flying Corps.

ASQUITH'S SON WOUNDED.

Son of Ex-Premier Twice Deco- Lord will be with us in the future also rated for Gallantry.

Special Cable Despatch to Tun Six

Copyright, 1917, all rights reserved London, Dec. 24.—Lieutenant-Com-mander Arthur Asquith of the Royal Naval Reserve, third son of former Premier Asquith, has been wounded severely in France, suffering a compound fracture of the ankle

He twice has been decorated for galbrother, Raymond Asquith, was killed in 1916 brother was wounded seriously.

KAISER WOULD COMPEL PEACE WITH 'IRON FIST'

In Message to Troops, Gives Alternative if Terms Are Refused.

LAUDS VALOR OF MEN

Says Battles of 1917 Prove "Lord Is Avowed Ally" of German People.

CONFIDENT OF OUTCOME

Declares "Recent Victories"? Have Had Effect on Fatherland and Enemy.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24, The four Tentonic Ailled Powers, according to a despatch from Brest-Litovsk, have agreed to reply jointly to the Russian peace proposals. The reply. It is added, will be delivered

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24 -"If the enemy does not want peace, then we must iron fist and the shining sword the doors of those who will not have peace. The year 1917, with its great battles, has proved that the German people nas in the Lord of Creation above an LONDON, Dec. 24.-The German Em- unconditional and avowed ally on whom

"But for the caim and heron riors on the western from the enormous deployment of German forces in the east and in Italy never would have been possible. The fighter in the west has possible to the best bear to be the speeches is that the Kaiser, with the backing of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, is assuming a bold face with his The fearful battles on the bloody hills around Verdun were not in vain; they created new foundations for the con-

"It has been a year full of events for the German army and the German Fatherland. Powerful blows have been delivered and your commutes in east have been able to bring great decisions.

The fullest confirmation of state-ments regarding the dire straits of the German civilian population has been and no general on the whole eastern obtained. The food situation in the front, wherever I hav speken to them, internal districts is so desperate there, who has not frankly admitted that they

BURN TO DEATH

5,000 FEET IN AIR

The feeling roay only had something behind us, if we only had some relief. It came as the result, of the blow in the enst where it is seen that the storms of war there are at present silenced. God grant that it may be forever.

Successes Have Had Effect.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 24.—Two un-identified aviators were burned to death 5,000 feet in the air at Hicks Field to-'You are no longer alone'. The great remnant of the airplane a mass of with the great days of battle in Flanders and before Cambrai, where the first crushing offensive blow delivered upor it is supposed the gasolene tank ex-

"We do not know what is still in stor for us, but we have seen how in this law of the four years of war God's ham has visibly prevailed, punished treacher; and rewarded heroic persistence. From his we can gain firm confidence that the

TROTZKY'S PEACE IDEA.

Pants, Dec. 24.—Leon Trotaky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, according to a note issued by the Havas Agency called on Joseph Nouleus, the Prenc Ambassador to Russia, and explained

that the Bolsheviki wished to keep to the principle of a "democratic peace, Another